

Rapid River News

February 16th, 2015

News , updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information. Please note that: Hyperlinks are scattered throughout the RRN .These 'links' take you direct to documents, websites and further information that you can use. Just click on them or copy and paste them in your browser for more info! _____

Spring Fire & Teachings! The Spring Fire & Teachings are April 8th through 11th at the Gathering Grounds in Manistee. See the full flyer on page 4 and plan on attending. **The Spring Membership Meeting is April 11th.**

Spring Membership Meeting April 11th: The Spring Membership Meeting is set for April 11th at the Makwa Endaat. Ogema Romanelli will be holding his 'Meet-n-Greet' Friday evening (the 10th) beginning at 7 p.m. in the Three Fires Conference Room. The regular meeting, department displays and presentations will be on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. with booths in the hall outside the Conference Center.

Primary Election 2015! The 2015 Primary Election was February 13th! Ballots were mailed January 9th and Candidate articles were in the January **Currents**. The preliminary primary vote is shown on page 2 of this Rapid River News. Challenges have to be filed by February 20th.

Elder Committee Monthly Meeting: The next Elders Meeting is March 7th. The elders are holding a candidate forum following that meeting. **The Forum will be in the Lodge Room at the Government Center beginning at 1:30 p.m.. All Tribal Members are invited!**

Election Board / General Election notice!

- The Election Board is not sponsoring or hosting any Candidate Forums
- Any questions for the Election Board, call their number at 231.398.6709 and leave a message. The Election Board will return your call. Please do not call employees with election issues!
- You are reminded that, if you have not registered to vote, you must register for the General Election by February 23rd
- General Election Candidates may submit articles to the **Currents** for the March edition. Ogema candidates may submit up to 400 words and all others 200 words. They must be in to Public Affairs by March 5th at 5 p.m. to appear in the paper. You will receive confirmation that the article has been received. Be sure to double check though! Call 231.398.6872!

Natural Resources. Please return your Deer and Turkey tags, whether harvested or not. If you harvested a deer or turkey please return bottom half of form and fill out as indicated. Thank you to all who already returned their deer and turkey tags. It helps us to track Tribal Citizens hunting needs so we may better serve you. **2015 USFS Huron and Manistee passes are here.** Pick up your passes at the Natural Resources office in Manistee at 310, 9th Street. See Bonnie or Peggy. Please see information on page 15 to know where Tribal Citizens may use the pass.



Goonignebig 2015! The 2015 Snowsnake at LRBOI is set for this February 21st! See page 13 for details for this year's event. The Goonignebig will be held just behind the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center in Manistee. Participants are being encouraged to share their 'snakes' with those who do not have one so that all attendees can join in this special fun.

Housing Annual Performance Report! The annual LRBOI Housing Department annual HUD report is now available for viewing. See details on page 9.

Renovation Celebration! There will be a special presentation by Little River Casino management regarding the Casino Renovation in the Three Fires Conference Center on Saturday, April 11th from 9-11 a.m. Please be sure to join us for all of these events.

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2015 LRBOI Primary Election Results (Preliminary)

Office of the Ogema	Winner	Total	Office of Tribal Council-9 County	Winner	Total
Dave Corey		22	Pam Medahko		40
Gary Paul DiPiazza (sees-bak-tunse)		28	Pat Ruiter	X	61
Jimmy Mitchell		31	Rita Annette Gale	X	83
Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli	X	240	Ronald Wittenberg	X	84
Michael J. Ceplina		95	Sandra "Peanut " Lewis	X	72
Shannon Paul Crampton		83	Sandy Mezeske	X	77
Steve Parsons	X	111	Steven E. Kequom	X	56

Office of Tribal Council-9 County	Winner	Total	Office of Tribal Council -At Large	Winner	Total
Al Metzger Oskaabaawis		49	Edward Tyler		74
Alvin Patricio		36	Joseph Riley II	X	194
Amy Gilles		15	Marcella M. Leusby		withdrawn
Brian Loney		52	Michael J. Charlow		33
Candace M. Chapman	X	67	Norbert Kelsey	X	103
Corey A. Wells		16	Peggy J. Vriesman		80
Delano D. Peters		35	Sally Bell	X	110
Jamie Friedel	X	68			
Jeff Battice		29	Chief Judge	Winner	Total
Jessica Lynn Burger	X	84	Austen J. Brauker	X	115
Jim Medacco		47	Daniel T. Bailey	X	233
John Pabami		29	Jonnie J. Sam II		105
Justin L. Kelsey		13	Joshua C. Stone		38
Loretta Beccaria- Lindeman		45	Sharron Cogswell Detz	X	106

Challenges to the Primary Vote must be filed by February 20th! The primary results will be certified following the consideration of challenges. The final tally will be posted on the Tribal Face Book page, in the Rapid River News and on the tribal website at www.lrboi.com

The following races were not part of the Primary Election but will be decided in the General Election, April 24th

ELECTION BOARD

Peggy Derouin

Tammy Bowen

Brandi Drake-Blamer

Karen Love

Valerie Robinson McDonnell

APPELLATE COURT JUDGE-- ELDER

Joseph J. LaPorte

Justice Cynthia Pete Champagne

APPELLATE COURT JUDGE-ATTORNEY

Damian S. Fisher

Melissa L. Pope



**Register for General
Election by
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(Cultural & Government related items)

Warriors Society: Wanted...Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email vjohnson@lrboi.com for an application and/or additional information.

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.

Commander John Shano reported that this month, members of the Warriors participated in the funeral services for GTB's Chair George Bennett-ba and LRBOI Warrior Joe Koon-ba.



Wawiinge maadaadiziwin". "Beginning a journey with wellness" Talking Circle 12-Step meeting. Wenesh pii: Every Wednesday @ 3:30pm Aanni pish: BeDaBin Conference Room. We meet weekly to support healing thru a holistic approach to wellness including recovery of all forms utilizing Anishnaabe values and teachings to encourage the adoption of a healthy, balanced lifeway by reclaiming our place in the circle of life

For more information:

Dottie 231-398-6741 or Julie 231-398-6740

Sponsored by Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Commission Openings! The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.

Megwa Ezhiweback
(What's happening now)

Currents



2015 Election Coverage

Aug-14	Page 1,8,9,10
Sep-14	Pages 4,5
Oct-14	Pages 1,7,8,9
Nov-14	Pages 1,8,9
Dec-14	Pages 2,3,8,9

From the editor...

There had been some question about the Election coverage and having information out to the membership and candidates in plenty of time. Here is a list of the actual pages of information and the issues of the **Currents** where it appeared in 2014. Other postings of information have appeared on Facebook, the web-site and in e-mail blasts.

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians **Spring Fire & Teachings**

April 8-11, 2015

**LRBOI Tribal Gathering Grounds
(Fire Lodge behind Trading Post gas station)**

Each day will start with a Sunrise Ceremony and teachings will be held throughout the day

At the conclusion of the last teaching, Wednesday through Friday, the Fire will be kept throughout the night

Everyone is welcomed to attend!

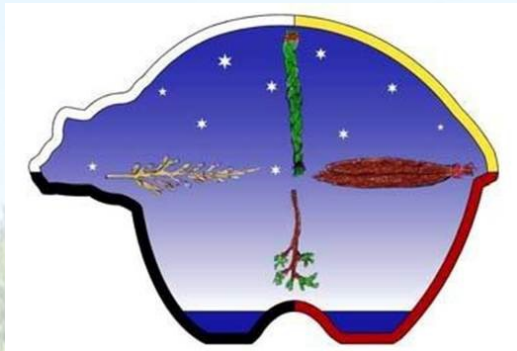


For information, please call 1-888-723-8288,
ext. 6891, 6893 or 6895

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Tribal Historic Preservation Department

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Kateri Spring Pow wow

March 21 , 2015 –noon to 5

Grand Entry 1 pm

Give away 3;30

Feast 4 pm

DISH TO PASS FOR FEAST

Reeths Puffer Middle School

1911 W Giles Rd.

Muskegon , Michigan 49445

Native Dancing and native crafts

Free tables for vendors

FREE Admission

A day of Family – Food – Fun

Call Debra Gutowski -231-736-7544



Kateri Easter Gathering

Johnson Hall 1509 Holton Rd

Muskegon MI 49445

(next to Steak 'n' Egger)

Sunday March 29th, 2015

11am-4pm

Please bring a dish to pass

BINGO, RAFFLES and 50/50

Any questions please contact Brenda

231.760.6366

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February 2015 Docket (subject to deletions or additions)

Key:

CO Cora Offense/Conservation
CS Child Support
CT Civil Ticket
DM Divorce with children
DO Divorce w/o children
EA Enrollment Appeal
EB Election Board Appeal
EM Emancipation of Minor
FJ Foreign Judgment
FSJ Foreign Support Judgment
GA Gaming Appeal

GC General Civil
GM Guardianship of Minor
GR Employment Matter
JC Judicial Complaint
JV Juvenile
LT Landlord Tenant
NA Neglect Abuse
NC Name Change
PF Probate
PPO Personal Protection Order

Court Docket

Monday, February 16, 2015

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	Guardianship Hrg.	14257GM Closed Hrg.
11:00 a.m.	Gregory v. Gregory	14281DM Pretrial
01:30 p.m.	Mitchell	15010GC Motion Hearing

Friday, February 20, 2015

Judge Sherigan

10:30 a.m.	Sprau v. Casino	14232GC Motion Hrg.
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Monday, February 23, 2015

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	Neglect/Abuse	11223NA Review Hrg.
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Friday, February 27, 2015

Judge Sherigan

01:30 p.m.	Neglect/Abuse	09053NA Review Hrg.
11:30 a.m.	Chick v. LRB Casino	15001GC Pretrial

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LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity.

www.lrboi-nsn.gov

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Tribal Government Buildings

By calling the HR Department

Current Job Postings

(Click on the job title to connect to the actual full job announcement)

Job Title	Department	Open Date	Close Date
Fisheries/Aquatic Seasonal Internships	Natural Resources	02/03/2015	03/20/2015
Physician	Clinic	1/19/2015	2/20/2015
IT Technician	IT	02/10/2015	02/24/2015

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check "temporary" or place "temp pool" on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It's a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills.

Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions

Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:

LRBOI Human Resources

2608 Government Center Drive

Manistee, MI 49660

Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288

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LRBOI Workforce Development

The **LRBOI Workforce Development Programs** are operated through the tribe's Commerce Department. The Workforce Development Programs links job placement and skill development into a system of lifelong learning and opportunity. Through resources and services created for employers, employees, the unemployed and the under-employed, Tribal Citizens utilizing Workforce Development Program services can take control of their economic future and the security of their families. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Workforce Development Programs contributes to the economic security of LRBOI, its' businesses and communities through a comprehensive program of skill-building and educational components. These components include: 1) **Internship Program** for the college student designed to provide the Tribal Citizen with the opportunity to gain supervised experience in a work setting for which academic credit is earned; 2) **Internship Hosting** to assist LRBOI Tribal Citizens who are in the Internship component by providing them with a low or no-cost lodging opportunity so they may fulfill their Internship requirements in a safe and friendly environment; 3) **Development & Training** providing various training and services as needed for LRBOI Tribal Citizens; 4) **Career Assistance Voucher** to be used for supplies, tools, clothes, transportation, or anything that reasonably assists the individual in advancing their career; 5) **GED/Adult Education Voucher** to help cover costs associated with the completion of a high school diploma or GED; 6) **Adult (18+ years) and Youth (16-17) Work Experience Employment Programs** are designed to provide the Tribal Citizen not in higher education supervised experience in an entry level work setting without having to achieve an academic requirement. Mandatory Job Readiness Training is required to complete the program; 7) Need based **Vocational Assistance Award** available to the Tribal Citizen attending a post-secondary state or accredited vocational/technical program who has applied for all other available financial aid and shows unmet need; 8) **Summer College Book Stipend** for Tribal Citizens attending a non-profit accredited college or university may receive assistance in purchasing college textbooks and supplies for Summer Semester only. For additional details, please follow this link: <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/index.php/membership-services/commerce> or contact the Workforce Development Program at LRBOI.

Vouchers for Newly Hired Tribal Citizens

LRBOI Tribal Citizens at least 18 years of age who are newly hired at a new employer and within 30 days of your hire date, you may qualify for a Career Assistance Voucher of \$200.00 and/or an Employment Daycare Assistance Voucher of \$250.00 through the LRBOI Workforce Development Program. If you are a new hire, please contact the Workforce Development Specialist within 30 days of hire at 231-398-6842, toll free at 1-888-723-8288 extension 6842, or by e-mail at dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov.

Tribal Government Internships

LRBOI Tribal Preference College Students at least 18 years of age may qualify for a paid internship in a Tribal Government Office. For details on how you may qualify, contact the Workforce Development Specialist at 231-398-6842, toll free at 1-888-723-8288 extension 6842, or by e-mail at dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov.



NOTICE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

The Little River Band Housing Department has prepared their 2014 Annual Performance Report (APR) for HUD to meet our Annual Reporting Requirements.

If you would like to review and/or comment on this report it will be available at the Housing Department office for 30 days starting on February 3, 2015, Monday – Friday 9a.m. to 4 p.m.

New Interactive Forms

Tribal Membership Submission Forms and included the 3 forms.

Election forms for Ogema:

Election forms for all other offices:

Hunting Submissions: https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/LRBOI_Hunters_Submissions.pdf

Membership Submission for Currents: https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/Members_Submissions_1.pdf

Elder's Conference Submissions: https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/elders_conference_memory2014_.pdf

Website Access!

Please note, if you are having problems accessing the tribal website at www.lrboi.com and are receiving an STMP error message about your password....please email glevasseur@lrboi-nsn.gov to have your password reset!

Also, make sure to use Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome to access the site. Internet Explorer is not working with our site at this time.

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Little River Casino Resort

CONCERT LINE UP FOR 2015

Friday – February 27th **Jim Belushi** at 9pm • On Sale Now! And the Board of Comedy Jack \$30, Queen \$40, King \$50

Friday – March 6th **Kix & Slaughter** at 9pm • On Sale Now! Jack \$25, Queen \$33, King \$38

Saturday – March 28th **Under The Streetlamp** at 8pm • On Sale Now! Jack \$25, Queen \$35, King \$40

Friday – April 24th **Trace Adkins** at 9pm • On Sale Now! Jack \$50, Queen \$65, King \$75

More upcoming shows to be announced soon. Stay tuned, and thank you for choosing Little River Casino Resort.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2015/02/12/white-house-launches-generation-indigenous-native-youth-challenge>

The White House Launches the “Generation Indigenous Native Youth Challenge”

Posted by Jodi Gillette and Raina Thiele on February 12, 2015 at 06:32 PM EST

Today, Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council Cecilia Muñoz announced the launch of the Generation Indigenous Native Youth Challenge at the 2015 United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Midyear Conference. This challenge invites Native youth and organizations across the country to become a part of the Administration’s Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) initiative by joining the National Native Youth Network — a White House effort in partnership with the Aspen Institute’s Center for Native American Youth and the U.S. Department of the Interior.

President Obama launched the Gen-I Initiative at the 2014 White House Tribal Nations Conference to focus on improving the lives of Native youth by removing the barriers that stand between Native youth and their opportunity to succeed. Through new investments and increased engagement, this initiative takes a comprehensive, culturally appropriate approach to ensure all young Native people can reach their full potential.

In addition to the National Native Youth Network, the Gen-I Initiative includes a demonstration program called the Native Youth Community Projects, administered by the Department of Education, a restructuring of the Bureau of Indian Education, a Cabinet Native Youth Listening Tour, and the organization of the first ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering.

Also announced today was the signing of an agreement between UNITY, the Department of Justice’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the White House, to collaborate on the first ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering that will take place this summer.

We encourage everyone to take the Gen-I Native Youth Challenge and become a part of the National Native Youth Network today!

Gen-I Native Youth Challenge

As part of the process of establishing the National Native Youth Network, we invite Native youth and all young people across the country to take part in the Gen-I Challenge. This call to action is the first step in engaging a broad network of people interested in addressing the issues facing Native youth and creating a platform through which Native youth can access information about opportunities and resources, and have their voices and positive contributions highlighted and elevated.

Here’s how it works: Youth 14-24, non-profits, and educational institutions are invited to join the National Native Youth Network by accepting the Gen-I Challenge.

Who: Individuals, youth councils, and youth groups can participate as *Challenge Acceptors*. Non-profit organizations, Colleges, Universities, and Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU) can become acceptors by helping their youth and students complete the Gen-I Challenge!

(See next page for details on how you can accept the challenge!)

Youth and others can accept the challenge by following this [link](#) and committing to take the following steps.

Step 1: ACT. Within 30 days of taking the challenge, youth should work with other youth in their community or at their school to do something positive of their choosing (for example: completing a volunteer project with a local organization or charity, hosting a meeting with other youth to brainstorm how to address an issue of concern in their community, or becoming a mentor to a younger person). The youth can use toolkits from the National Native Youth Network and their partners to help them achieve their goal. Their local tribal youth council, urban tribal youth group, or Native youth organization can also be a resource.

Step 2: CAPTURE. Youth should document their community efforts and projects through a short summary (3-4 sentences) with photos and video!

Step 3: SHARE. Youth should send the National Native Youth Network their story through www.cnay.org/Challenge.html. The National Native Youth Network or the White House may even feature their story.

Step 4: PARTICIPATE. By participating in the National Native Youth Network, youth may be invited to apply to send a representative to the first ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering in Washington, D.C., in the summer of 2015.

Organizations, colleges, universities, and TCUs can take the Gen-I Challenge too by committing to help their youth and students complete the Gen-I Challenge! They just follow this [link](#) to get signed up.

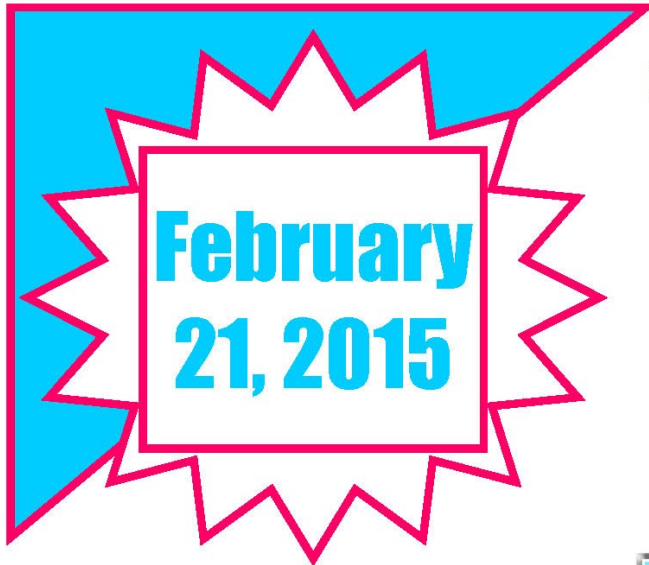
The following organizations have already committed to take the Gen-I Challenge and get their youth onboard.

Gen-I Native Youth Challenge Early Acceptors

- American Indian College Fund
- American Indian Higher Education Consortium
- Boys and Girls Clubs of America
- Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute
- National Indian Education Association
- National Congress of American Indians
- National Indian Child Welfare Association
- National Indian Health Board
- United National Indian Tribal Youth

Jodi Gillette is Special Assistant to the President for Native American Affairs in the White House Domestic Policy Council.

Raina Thiele is Associate Director in the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.



Annual Goonignebig (Snowsnake) Tournament

Location: LRBOI Aki Maadiziwin Community Center
located at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee, MI

Age Categories

1-4 12-17
5-11 18-54
55+

Girls/Boys and Women/Men will each be
separate for each age category

- Competitors **MUST** be registered
- All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult at all times
- Competitors **MUST** be on site and ready when their name is called

Everyone is invited to attend and participate! Come enjoy the fun!



**Sponsored by the
Little River Band
of Ottawa Indians
Historic
Preservation
Department**



**Competition starts
at 10:00 am**

Lunch will be provided

NO all metal snakes are allowed.

Two throws per competitor; longest score counts.
Throws that jump the track will be counted/scored.

Sharing of snakes **is** allowed.

Open to **everyone!**

Tournament is dependent upon the weather—
prior to event, check for cancellation/delay

**Registration the day of the
event will be from 9-10 am or
you may pre-register by calling
1-888-723-8288, ext. 6895 or
email vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov**

By participating, you acknowledge that photographs and/or digital recording may be taken during the Tournament and convey all rights, title, and interest concerning the photographic images and/or digital recording to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. It is further understood that these photographic images and/or digital recordings may be published and/or posted on the internet or tribal website or any other way in which the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians deems necessary. All rights are voluntarily waived to these photographic images and/or digital recordings.

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INSPIRE

Pre-College Program

2015

The **INSPIRE Pre-College Program** is a full scholarship open to Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian rising junior and senior high school students, including 2015 anticipated graduates, who want to spend 3-weeks on the George Washington University (GW) campus to learn about intergovernmental relations between tribal governments and the federal government.

The program centers on a full-day, experiential undergraduate course taught by GW faculty, Native Politics and the American Political System, which will offer opportunities for students to meet and interview influential Native advocates who work in Washington, D.C.

As an added bonus, INSPIRE students live on campus and participate in recreational programs with the community of high school students enrolled in GW Pre-College programs.

What does the INSPIRE scholarship cover?

- One course in Native Politics and the American Political System (3 undergraduate credit hours)
- Room and board at GW
- Airfare to and from Washington, DC (one round-trip ticket)
- All required textbooks
- Required local travel related to the course

The INSPIRE Pre-College Program is made possible by a generous grant from the AT&T Foundation.

PROGRAM DATES: July 5 - 25, 2015

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2015



Native American
Political Leadership Program

Apply @ **INSPIRE.NAPLP.GWU.EDU**

THE GEORGE
WASHINGTON
UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, DC

2015 USFS Huron and Manistee passes— where you can use them!

Pick up your pass at the LRBOI Natural Resources offices at 310, 9th Street in Manistee.

See Bonnie or Peggy in the office for your pass!

Manistee National forest Service Cadillac/Manistee Ranger Station USFS Passes-(Stickers) Fishing Access Sites

River Access

Manistee River:

Rainbow Bend
Bear Creek
Blacksmith Bayou
High Bridge
Sawdust Hole

Pine River:

Elm flats
Dobson Bridge
Peterson Bridge
Low Bridge

Trailheads

Big M (summer only)
Marilla – North Country Trail
Udell – North Country Trail
Free Soil – North Country Trail
Nurnberg – Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness
Lake Michigan Recreation Area –Nordhouse Dunes
Lake Michigan Recreation Area (day use area)
Ravine Campground
Hoag's Lake (day use area)

Campgrounds & Picnic Area

Baldwin/white Cloud Ranger Station

River Access

Pere Marquette River:

Bowman Bridge
Claybank
Gleason's Landing
Green Cottage
Indian Bridge
Rainbow Rapids
Upper Branch

White River:

Diamond Point
Bowman Lake
Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary (M-20)

Trailheads

Campgrounds & Picnic Areas

Brush Lake
Hungerford Lake
Indian Lake
Little Muskegon
Minnie Pond
Nichol's Lake Beach (boat launch)
Shelley Lake
Timber Creek Walk-up Lake



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